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SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF UN UNITS FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT SOME 500 UNITED NATIONS POSITIONS WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. UN MANAGEMENT REPORTEDLY CONTEMPLATES DOING THIS TO EASE SPACE PRESSURES IN GENEVA AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABILITY OF SPACE CREATED BY UN ACCEPTANCE OF VIENNA AS A THIRD UN CITY (DECISION WHICH U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED AT HIGHEST LEVEL).

2. IF UNITED STATES IS TO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE OVER WHICH UNITS ARE RELOCATED, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO IDENTIFY THESE UNITS TO HIGH LEVEL UN MANAGERS IN NEW YORK AT AN EARLY DATE. UPON ASSUMPTION THAT TRANSFER OF POSITIONS TO VIENNA IS PROBABLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IDENTIFYING SPECIFICALLY THOSE 500 UN POSITIONS AND UNITS CONCERNED WHOSE RELOCATION FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA WOULD BEST ACCORD WITH U.S. INTERESTS. INGERSOLL

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